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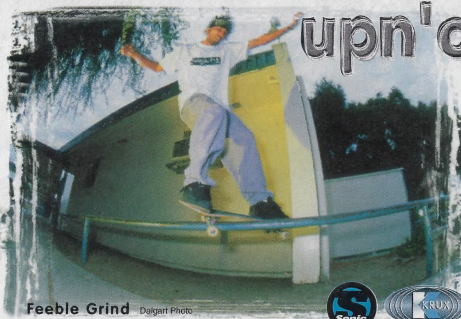


Tim Brauch



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# upn'comer

Joe Hutchison

**How old are you?** 20 years old.  
**How long have you been skating?** I've been skating for about 9 years.  
**Where did you grow up skating?** In Santa Clara, CA.  
**Where do you live right now?** I moved to Gilroy about a year ago. But right now, I'm staying in Mountain View.  
**What's your current set-up?** Sonic Jason Adams, Krux trucks, Sonic wheels, and Halo bearings.  
**Where do you like to skate?** I usually skate in Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and sometimes San Jose. I go other places to skate but I enjoy skating where I live the most.  
**Who do you skate with?** I skate with Donny Kim, Aundre Buchard, Steve Caballero, A.J. Gibbons, Jessie Erickson, and my teammates.  
**What's it like riding for Sonic?** It's the best.  
**The Cure, Nirvana, Odes, and Gershon Mosley, Cab, and Tim Brauch.** When I was younger, I was really stoked on Frankie Hill. **Who do you look up to now?** Steve Caballero. He's been skating for so long and he's still ripping. He seems like he has fun when he skates. He will probably skate forever.  
**What do you do when you're not skating?** I like to hang out with my friends, play chess, and sleep. I also work at Sessions a couple of days a week.  
**What skaters are coming up right now?** Donny Kim, you'll see him soon. **How do you feel about contests?** They can be fun. You meet new people and see new stuff. But sometimes it can be frustrating. Especially when the judges don't even skate or haven't skated in like 20 years. **Is there anyone that you'd like to thank?** Gavin and Corey O'Brien, Steve Kobata, Mike Vaughn, Chris Clarke, Joe Gomez, Scotty Greshouse, Jeff Kendall, Brent Calishan, Lance Dalgat, John Old, Pauline Iam, Kelly Balck, my family, and all of my friends.



Feeble Grind Dalgat Photo

# upn'comer

Tony

**What where your first memories of skateboarding?** I was riding my brothers hand-me-down board and riding on my knees. This was like in 1987.  
**What skateboarders inspire you?** Everyone that I skate with really. I really like skating with Marc Johnson, Gershon Mosley, Cab, and Tim Brauch.  
**Where do you live now?** I live in Santa Barbara. **Where has skateboarding taken you?** It's taken me back east, all over CA, Washington and Vancouver. I still want to go more places. **Who do you ride for?** I ride for Santa Cruz, independent trucks, SpeedWheels, Church of Skatan, and Vans.  
**What else do you do besides skateboarding?** I work part time at the university, listen to a lot of music, and play on my Macintosh.  
**Last trick learned?** I would have to say nollie K-grinds.  
**What's your favorite trick?** Kickflips and backside tailsides.  
**Is there anything you hate about skateboarding?** Nothing. It's all good.  
**What do you like most about skateboarding?** Having fun and meeting people.  
**What do you like to skate most?** I like to skate with all the Church guys that live in town.  
**What about the team?** I like to skate with Ron, Tim always has energy, and Kyle. We like the same tricks.  
**Is there anyone you want to thank?** I'd like to thank a few people. Jeff Kendall, Justin Burt, everyone at NHS, Tony at Shorties and Erik Hatch for filming me.

Nollie Tailslide Dalgat Photo



Mad Concave "Flame Logo" 8.75" x 32.75"  
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 Team Slick "Chaos Burning Witch" 7.875" x 31"  
 Team "Death Hour Glass" 8.25" x 32"  
 Mad Concave "Damon Avaretti" "Funkie" 8.35" x 32"  
 Team Slick "Vagabond" 8.125" x 31.5"

# CREATURE

skateboarding's darker side



Mad Concave "Blue Devil" 7.75" x 32"  
 Chet Childress "Blue Devil" 7.75" x 32"  
 Team "Wolf" 2" 7.875" x 31.75"  
 Creature Team Slick "Vagabond" 8.125" x 31.5"

Chet Childress, a disaster in progress

Creature  
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# New Stuff



## Santa Cruz Xtra-Light Donut Dreams deck

Xtra-Light is a new deck innovation for '98. Light weight construction makes it much more flipable and most importantly, catchable. NHS wood means it's definitely strong. Features the soon to be legendary "Donut Dreams" graphic. 7 3/4 x 31 inch deck.. Ask for it by name, Xtra-Light!



**Santa Cruz Classics Cargo pants and shorts**  
These relaxed fit cargos come in the pants and shorts models. Both have adjustable side pull tabs for you

no-bell fans, double-stitching through for ultra-durability, and custom labeling throughout. They come in waists 30,32, 34, and 36.

## Kirby Pro Model

Virginia's own Richard Kirby finally throws in the amateur towel to join the big leagues. His debut pro model comes with a free Lab CD in the shrink. This one's 8 x 31 3/8. Oh, PowerPly as all hell too!



## Rootie's Graphic Griptape

Introducing the world's first graphic griptape! Say bye-bye to boring black! Rootie's has found a way to combine both graphics and griptape in one. And with killer grip as well! Rootie's griptape comes in sheets of 12 different graphic styles: 3 different Flames, 3 Girls, 3 Camouflage colors, and 3 "...Not a crime" color combos. Seeing is believing. Griptape will never be the same! Ask your local shop or mail-order about the one and only Rootie's!



## Krux Satin

You wouldn't think that there would be a better looking finish than the Mirrored Krux! Well, introducing Satin! This is the stainless-steel looking truck that you'll soon see in the shops. Photos don't do it justice! Just ask to see one.



## Strange Notes Video #1 coming soon!

Yes, this is true, Strange Notes is making a video magazine! Thought we wouldn't? This is the first of many more to come. SN Video 1 features skating from Brauch, Kirby, Navarette, Childress, Whaley, Childers, Elington, Mayhew, and many others!

MIKE CRABTREE



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## Woven Beanies

Not just for winter anymore. Childers wears one mid-summer, mid-day, and mid-heat-wave, in Florida. We've got the woven loo beanies. Not just your average embroidery but woven in logos and embroideries! Santa Cruz, Independent, Creature and Sonic (not shown) available.



# JASON ADAMS

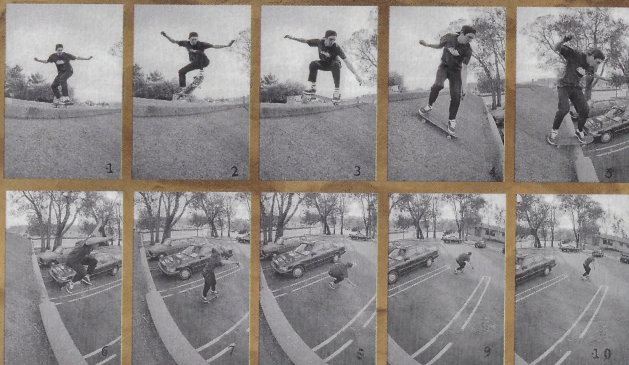


Interview-Jai Tanju Photos-Lance Dalgart



You've changed quite a bit since our last interview. Let's just start by asking why you moved back from San Louis Obispo? I don't know. It was boring. Well, let's just say things didn't work out and I started missing the B.M.C. What other things have changed recently? The day I got back from Las Vegas, which was last week, I bought a car and moved into a new house. I think I'm kinda growing up a little bit. I've always tried to

live the Descendants song "I don't want to grow up". But lately I've been growing up. What kind of car did you buy? I bought an '82 Volvo. What color is it? Plimping gold. So you like to eat soup? Yeah. What are your favorite soups? Well, one's pretty much my own creation. It's a mix of chicken noodle and cream of chicken with lemon pepper and lemon juice. You add extra pasta and it's grabbing. Does it have a name? Yeah. I guess you could call it chicken noodgell. What bands have you been listening to lately? Green Day. Just Green Day? No. Green Day, The Jam, and Warren Young. That would sum it up! Pretty much. Let's talk about skating. If you could steal 3 different things from people's skating, past or present, what would those be? Skate vert like Ross Goodman. He's definitely my favorite vert skater. Do 360 flips like Jason Lee. And have pegged jeans like Ricky Windsoff. So who would you choose, Crazy Eddie or Aaron Harrison? That's a good question. "Crazy" Eddie, of course he's sexier. It's not Crazy Eddie anymore though it's "Danger" Eddie. So your happy now that you ride for Sonic? Yeah, totally. It's a total San Jose thing. It's pretty cool that I ride for Corey O'Brien, the ex-pro skater, and Gavin O'Brien, the ex-Faction singer. Frisco or Gilligan's Island? Don't I get another alternative? I had this dream to get this huge bulldozer and bulldoze all the way from Santa Clara street through the 101 north until I get to San Francisco. And then shovel that place into the ocean. That's how much I like that place. What other places are on your hit list? No place else. That's the only place I want destroyed. Is there anyone you're stoked on that you want to thank? I'm pretty impressed by Tim Branch right now. He's the captain. What's one thing that you could do without? 4:20. That's one thing I could bare less about! So basically things are going well for you right now? Yeah, it would seem so. It's a whole new deal. I'm kinda confused. I gotta get used to it. Any plans for the future? I'm just gonna ride the white wave. That's a good way to end it. Is there anyone you want to thank? Yeah, Gavin and Corey O'Brien, Russ Pope, and the B.M.C.







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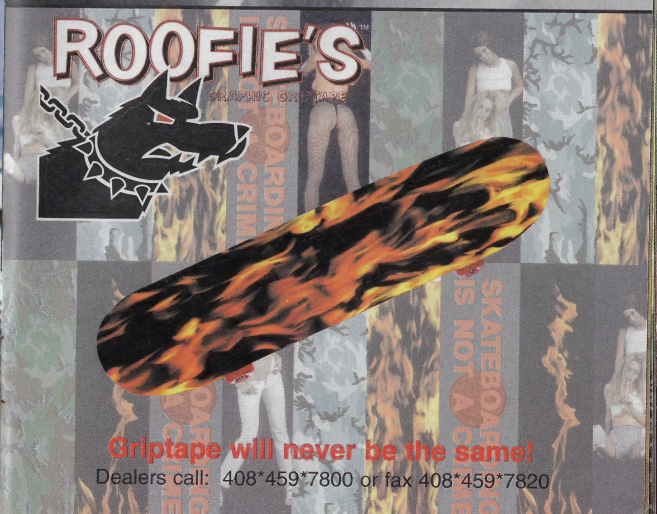


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**Fall off the Rooftop's**  
Ron Whaley just shot a two page spread ad for TWS with Rooftop's tape on his board. With Ron being...well...Ron, he had some difficulties taking his eyes off of the half ruled "bar" on his deck top. From two stories up, the situation couldn't have been fatal. Ron was heard saying, "Dude, I was making eye contact."

**Ralph Squares**  
Richard Kirby and Peter Hewitt went to South America with the Thrasher "Helicopter" crew. There was talk of some sick concrete parks. Photos were taken of Peter doing a frontside invert in a huge bowl with hundreds of spectators surrounding the perimeter. They both got the standard "American in a foreign land" sickness that lasted a few days each.

**Punk**  
Kirby's "Punk Poster" T-shirt model is out now. His deck comes with a free CD featuring LAB, the Hiest of NHS production Mike Heider's band.

**The Hole thing**  
The ever-growing and proud Krux team welcomes new team rider, Erik Blangin.

**Substance**  
What giant skateboard manufacturer just loves to copy innovations started by Santa Cruz in their ads?

**U-dell**  
Vinik Hecoban did a backside mekon off of a U-Haul truck during the post-contest festivities in Tampa, Florida. Upon landing he rolled his ankle, crumpled ankles, displayed by dozens of congratulating onlookers. Turns out, he forgot to put on his cage.

**Four by**  
After calculating his photo license fees for the year, Tim Brauch decided it was time for a new Toyota pick-up. '96 Redneck Mud Tour coming soon!

**Contests**  
Bulki amateur, Anthony Furlong, took the vertical event in Tampa in January. Dirk Winkelman, Santa Cruz World team pro from Holland, got 2nd place at the Not a Crime Pro contest in Stockholm, Sweden in December. Tim Brauch got 2nd at the contest in Ventura last November.

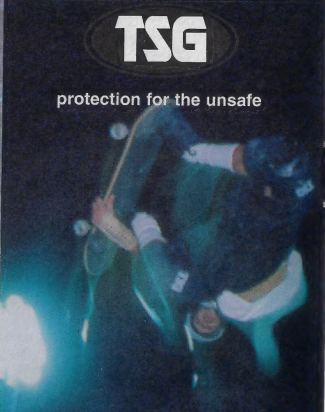
**Tears**  
What self-proclaimed "real" pro and x-rider, due to the playful taunting of fellow team riders, had to be removed from a nation-wide tour? Would a "real" doctor leave mid-surgery?

**Dre-schooled**  
Ryan Parsons, Santa Cruz am from Sacramento, has probably one of the coolest decks to date. He has relieved Ryan of school duty and instead is allowing him to take home courses. Ryan's still getting his education but has a more flexible schedule to skate.

**New Friend**  
Aaron Harrison of Zero fame now rides for Creature.

**Drained**  
Howitt, Sam "The Hitman" Hitz, and Navarrette all recently moved into a house with a pool in San Diego. One month after they moved in, they drained it and had a few friends over for a session. Neighbors roared, and the next day the landlord came over shaking and spilling in fury. After the smoke cleared, literally, they got to keep their home.

**1st century**  
Happy birthday to Peter Hewitt and NHS who both turn 25 years old in '98!



**Darren Navarrette**  
**Sam Hitz**  
**Peter Hewitt**  
**Mike Crum**

ProtecCo said that if all the pro skateboarders that wear their helmets held hands, they could reach the moon. We say that if all the pros that wear TSG helmets held hands, we'd kick them off the team!



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PowerPly Prismatic "Flame Dot 2" 8" x 31.5"



Xtra-Light "Donut Dreams" 7.75" x 31"



Ron Whaley "Bus Volume" 8.125" x 31.75"



PowerPly Tim Brauch "Pirate" 7.75" x 31.5"



PowerPly StepSide "Retro Slasher" 8" x 31.25"



PowerPly "Coffee Zombies" 7.875" x 31.75"

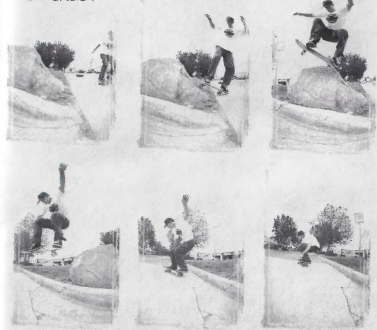


PowerPly Childrens "Burning Pig" 7.875" x 31.5"



Santa Cruz Flame Strip Longboard 9.5" x 50"

Tim Brauch



Richard Kirby "Punk Poster" 8" x 31.25"



PowerPly "Eagle" 7.5" x 31.5"



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Welcome the 6th Strange Notes since its resurgence in late '96. Time just flies. Whether you're havin' fun or not. We were sorting through some of the letters we have received to get an idea of what some people would like to see in Strange Notes. We think we've got a good idea. However, it's gonna take us a little while to get some photos of cops getting bashed and naked chicks. Don't worry though. We'll continue to give away stuff. Also, we're working on getting more pages for more pro interviews and trick tips. But most importantly, we promise to cuss less. Thanks to all for writing in and soon we'll have room to print your letters. Pave the world! Late.

Congratulations to last issues' winners, Jamel Brown, Nick Weinstock, Kelly Leigh, Ricky Henry, T.R. White, and Matt Patterson. If you didn't win last time, or you were didn't fill out the last questionnaire, don't worry, you have another chance to win goodies. All you have to do is complete the questionnaire below and mail it to Strange Notes. The first two lucky SOB's will win either an 8 foot long flat rail or a 2 foot kicker ramp courtesy of our friends back east at RampTech®

1. Age? \_\_\_\_\_ Sex? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Favorite magazine? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Magazine you hate \_\_\_\_\_
4. Best video ever seen? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you watch 411? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What size wheels do you ride? \_\_\_\_\_ What size board? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which company has the best ads? \_\_\_\_\_ Worst ads? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you ever been to a professional demo? \_\_\_\_\_ Did you like it? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you snowboard? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what kind of board do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What was the last skateboard you bought? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is your favorite band? \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite TV show? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What trucks do you ride? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Where did you get this copy of Strange Notes? \_\_\_\_\_
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